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Group Art Unit : 1626

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For : AZASUGAR COMPOUNDS

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111
IN RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED JULY 5, 2006**

Commissioner for Patents
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Customer Service Window, Mail Stop Amendment
Randolph Building
401 Dulany Street
Alexandria VA 22314

Sir :

This is in response to the Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on July 5, 2006, which sets a three month shortened statutory period for response until October 5, 2006.

Applicants hereby request an extension of time for three months to extend the period for response until January 5, 2007, and are concurrently filing a formal Request for Extension of Time for three months accompanied by the government extension of time fee. If for any reason the formal Request for Extension of Time is not associated with the file at the Patent and Trademark Office and/or any extension of time is required to maintain the pendency of the application, this is an express request for any required extension of time, and authorization to charge any required fee, including any required extension of time fee and/or claim fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Amendments to the claims appear in the Listing of Claims beginning on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks being on page 8.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of record are respectfully requested in view of the remarks which follow.